

**Special Board Meeting/Budget Hearing of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, April 14, 2020**

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
HARRY DECARLO**

Today, Tuesday, April 14, 2020 the **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING/BUDGET HEARING of the SOLVAY VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** was called to order by Mayor Derek Baichi via Zoom Webinar at 1:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:	Trustees	Deborah DeGilio	Present*
		Raymond Fougner	Present*
		William McVicker	Present*
		John Cregg	Present*
		James Cometti	Present*
	Deputy Mayor	John Fall Sr	Present*
	Mayor	Derek Baichi	Present*
		*All Board Members Present via Zoom	

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the repairs to the Gertrude Park Pool and Install a new pool liner. Services shall be provided by RenoSys Corporation, 2825 East 55th Place, Indianapolis, IN 46220. The total cost to the Village is \$49,850. The Village of Solvay procurement policy was satisfied during the bid process.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: James Cometti

No Vote Took Place

MOTION TO TABLE: Deborah DeGilio

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

Deborah DeGilio	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Raymond Fougner	Trustee	Voted	Yes
William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Cregg	Trustee	Voted	Yes
James Cometti	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes
			Motion Carried

2020-2021 VILLAGE BUDGET HEARING:

MOTION TO OPEN BUDGET HEARING: John Fall Sr

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

7-0, Motion Carried

C. Visconti started off referencing the Tentative Budget with a zero percent tax increase and taking \$190K out of surplus. The option of a 1.5% tax increase was discussed with \$170K out of surplus. C. Visconti addressed the potential of missing out on CHIPS, AIM funding and other various forms of revenue. Going through the tentative budget line by line, Board of Trustee Other has increased due to increased participation with the Conference of Mayors. Wages for Village Justice increased due to the need for an additional PT Court Clerk. The Mayor's other has decreased, Auditor increase, Treasurer increased and Tax Receiver program decreased. Village Clerk's wages has increased due to allocation to the General Fund. Law has decreased while Engineering has increased. Wages for DPW increasing by 2.5%. Codes Officer wages increase with new hire but some can be allocated to Electric based on the

need for electrical inspections. Snow removal decreased and sidewalk budget increased. If the pool does not open, significant savings will happen. The Youth programs have been decreased by \$5K and the celebration funding is up in the air based on the uncertainty of Covid-19. The Zoning board and paying the members per diem was touched on. J. Fall Sr noted that refuse and garbage is going to have a large increase next year. The idea of partnering with the town for the next contract was brought up. J. Cregg interjected and stated three quotes will be necessary to satisfy our procurement policy. W. McVicker questioned the progress of Mr. Buffa of Superior Waste and the multi-unit costs to the village. M. Malley of C&S Engineers has prepared a listing of these units in the village. Social Security is increasing for the year as well as medical insurance by about 5%. The codes department is implementing an increase in inspection fees to increase revenue. With the village courts being closed, fine revenue is significantly lower. The contribution from Electric has been decreased to \$300K based on PSC regulations. State aid going forward is uncertain with the pandemic still a major issue. Regarding the library, a 2% increase in wages is in the budget as well as an increase in health insurance for two full time employees. D. Golden, Library Director, addressed securing \$8K from the Town of Geddes and a request for an additional \$4900 from the village. This amount will allow the library to operate, status quo. Simply cannot rely on donations from the "Friends of the Library". A 2.5% increase in wages has been implemented into the budget for all non-union employees. The employee wage schedules were touched on.

An increase of 1.9% was the consensus of the entire board. This would require \$135K coming out of surplus. R. Fournier suggested bringing this number closer to zero and working with department heads to come up options to slightly decrease their budget. J. Fall Sr asked the amount everyone on the board would be comfortable with having as a surplus going forward. D. Baichi interjected with \$800K to 1 Million. R. Fournier suggested eliminating funding for the youth center, pool and aging programs due to the uncertainty of Covid-19. D. DeGilio and W. McVicker questioned the amount of comp time being used/budgeted and asked for clarification from the village attorney. J. Cregg questioned how many summer help employees will be hired as well as the status of lifeguards. Replacing the Laborer at the DPW was also discussed. J. Cregg asked for different amounts of a tax increase and how that amount affects the homeowners tax bill. The working budget was touched and the areas of changes were highlighted. Another budget meeting has been scheduled for April 21st and will be voted on at the regular board meeting on April 28th.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT:

J. Baleno (106 Charles Ave) complimented Trustee Cregg. Addressed trash disposal and the option of a joint bid with the Town of Geddes. Stressed the village and town are the highest taxed in the county. Asked if state and/or federal aid will be available to the village. Asked about two trees cut down at Charles Ave Park. Ended with how the pool potentially not opening with greatly effect village resident's physiology. With everyone been in their homes so much, they are going to need this outlet come summer time. All other attendees to the webinar were "un-muted" and asked if they had any comments/questions. Attendees were also informed via the webinar platforms Chat function that they could type questions /comments regarding the tentative budget using the Chat function. No additional public comments were received.

MOTION TO CLOSE BUDGET HEARING: William McVicker

SECOND: John Cregg

6-0, Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS:

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to implement a 1.9% tax increase and taking \$135,000 out of surplus for the 2020-21 tentative village budget.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: John Cregg

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to schedule a Special Board/Budget meeting for April 21, 2020 at 1:00 pm via Zoom Webinar for the 2020-21 village budget.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

The Special Meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 4:01 pm.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk

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